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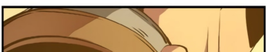

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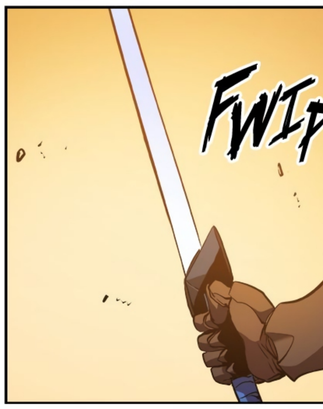
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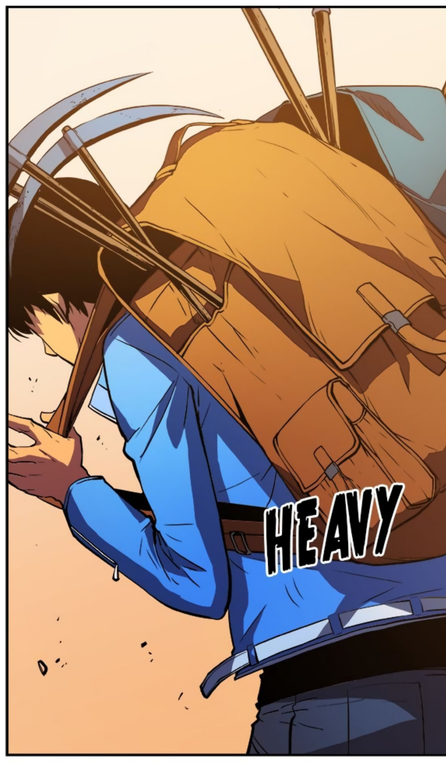

HEAVY

OKAY!
LET'S GO!

IS IT BECAUSE THE ECONOMY'S BEEN IN A RECESSION?

LOOKS LIKE THEY STOPPED CONSTRUCTION NOT TOO LONG AGO.

I HEARD IT'S BEEN TWO MONTHS SINCE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMPANY TOOK 900 BILLION WON AND FLED THE COUNTRY.

ALL THE EMPLOYEES AND INVESTORS ARE IN PANIC MODE.

WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS...?

ISN'T THAT BACKPACK HEAVY? ARE YOU OKAY?

UH... YES, IT'S MANAGEABLE.

THANKS TO MY STRENGTH STATS, THIS IS A PIECE OF CAKE...

SQUEEZE

YOU'RE OLDER THAN ME, SO NO NEED TO BE SO FORMAL.

ARE YOU USUALLY THIS QUIET?
ARE YOU USUALLY THIS CHATTY...?

OH, WAS I BEING TOO TALKATIVE?
IT'S JUST THAT PEOPLE USUALLY LOVE HEARING WHAT I HAVE TO SAY.
HEHE~
SPARKLE
SPARKLE

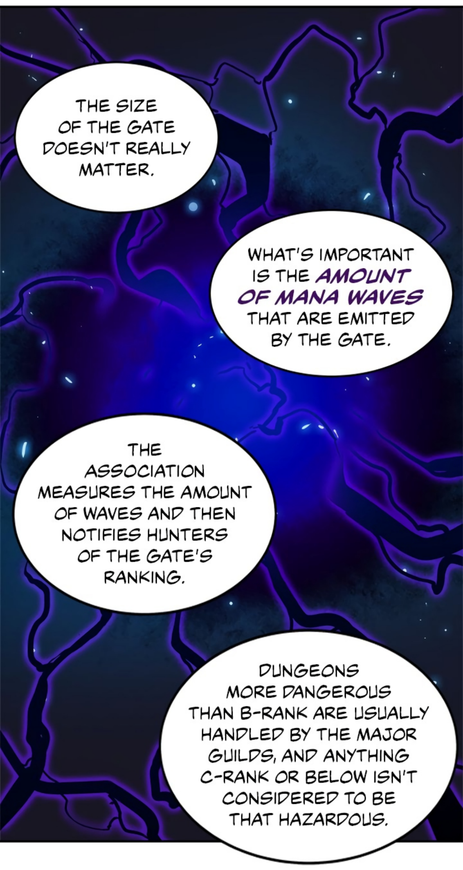
BEING A HUNTER IS JUST A HOBBY OF MINE.
BUSINESS TYCOON

WE'RE HERE.

WHOOOSH
OOH!
THE ENTRANCE IS A BIT WIDE, ISN'T IT?
YEAH, THIS KIND OF GATE IS PRETTY RARE.

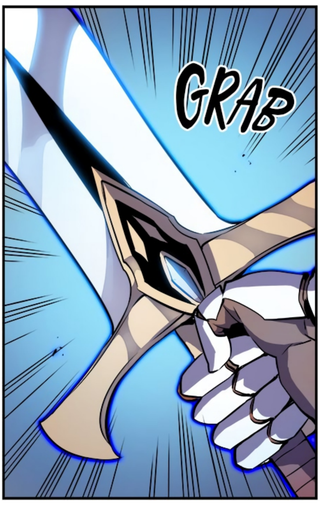
DONGSUK, YOU SURE THIS IS A C-RANK GATE? LOOKS MASSIVE.
OF COURSE I'M SURE. WHY WOULD THE ASSOCIATION LIE TO US? I HEARD THE SURVEYORS EVEN CAME BY TO TAKE A LOOK.

JINWOO, THIS GATE SEEMS KIND OF BIG. DO YOU THINK IT'S SAFE TO GO IN?
IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME?


THE SIZE OF THE GATE DOESN'T REALLY MATTER.
WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THE AMOUNT OF MANA WAVES THAT ARE EMITTED BY THE GATE.
THE ASSOCIATION MEASURES THE AMOUNT OF WAVES AND THEN NOTIFIES HUNTERS OF THE GATE'S RANKING.
DUNGEONS MORE DANGEROUS THAN B-RANK ARE USUALLY HANDLED BY THE MAJOR GUILDS, AND ANYTHING C-RANK OR BELOW ISN'T CONSIDERED TO BE THAT HAZARDOUS.

I SAY THIS, BUT...
...THIS IS ALSO MY FIRST TIME GOING INTO A C-RANK GATE...

I'LL GO IN FIRST. EVERYONE FOLLOW MY LEAD.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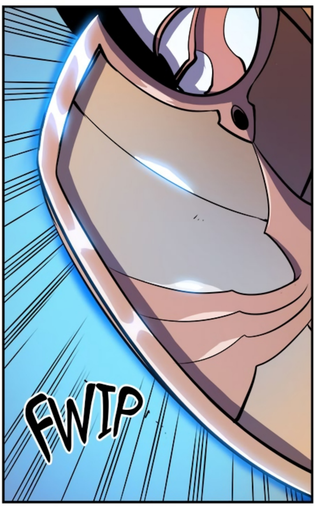
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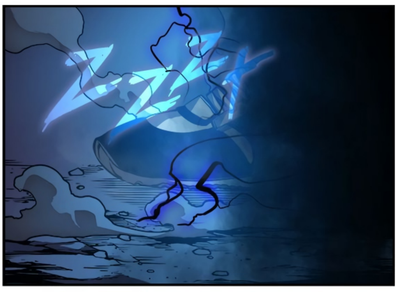
BAM
OKAY!
SPARKLE
SPARKLE

USUALLY, D-RANK OR E-RANK HUNTERS LIKE ME DON'T MAKE MUCH MONEY, SO WE'RE BARELY ABLE TO AFFORD A WEAPON, LET ALONE ARMOR...
HOW DOES A D-RANK HUNTER HAVE SUCH NICE EQUIPMENT?!
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
LET'S GO!
SHABBY
OKAY... BUT LET'S NOT WALK RIGHT NEXT TO EACH OTHER.

LOOKS LIKE THE PAY'S NOT BAD, CONSIDERING THE STRIKE SQUAD IS A PRIVATE ENTITY.
EVERYONE SEEMS TO HAVE PROPER EQUIPMENT...

THIS SURE IS DIFFERENT FROM THE D-RANK AND E-RANK DUNGEONS I'VE BEEN GOING TO.

MR. SONG IS C-RANK, BUT HE'S A MAGE, SO...



IT'S TOO DARK.

KYUHWAN, TURN ON THE LIGHT.

OKAY.

WHAT IS THIS PLACE...?
WHY AREN'T THERE ANY MAGIC BEASTS?
BEATS ME. ALL THE LIGHTS WERE OFF, TOO.
DUNGEONS NORMALLY HAVE SEVERAL GLOWING STONES ON THE WALLS. WEIRD.

JINWOO, DO SOME DUNGEONS NOT HAVE ANY MAGIC BEASTS?
SHH.

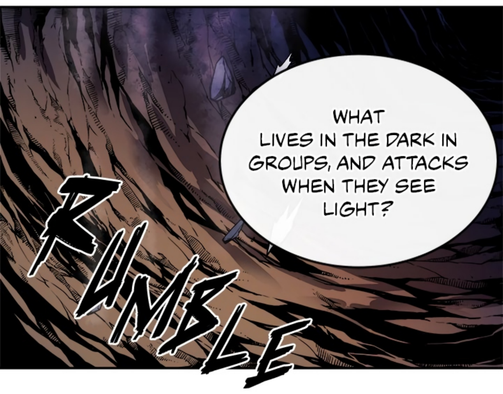
PERK

RUMB

THE FACT THAT THERE AREN'T ANY GLOWING STONES MEANS THAT THE MAGIC BEASTS IN THIS DUNGEON LIKE DARKNESS.

INTELLIGENT BEASTS WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY SURVIVING IN A DUNGEON THAT'S COMPLETELY DARK.

AND IF THESE ARE BEASTS THAT CAN SURVIVE IN THE DARK, THEY PROBABLY DON'T RELY ON THEIR EYESIGHT.



THIS NOISE IS...!

INSECT-TYPE BEASTS!!

INSECTS?!
RUMBLE
ARE WE INSIDE OF AN ANT-HILL?
RUMBLE
STOP FREAKING US OUT, MAN!

RUMBLE
SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE CLOSE!
RUMBLE
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY CAN'T I SEE THEM?!
THERE ARE TOO MANY CAVERNS!
DONGSUK! CAN YOU SEE ANYTHING FROM OVER THERE?!
NO, I DON'T SEE A THING!!

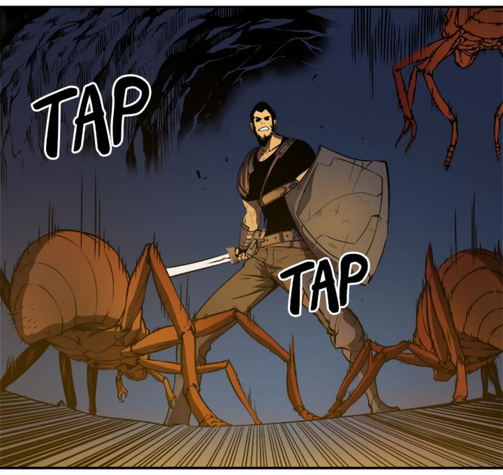
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
!!
LOOK UP!!
RUUUMBLE

SH*T! ABOVE US?!
JINWOO! STICK CLOSE TO ME!

THEY'RE HERE!!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
THEY'RE COMING FROM ABOVE!!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
HOW MANY OF THEM ARE THERE?!
USE MAGIC!
SHOOT 'EM DOWN!

AND DRAW THEIR ATTENTION WHEN THEY GET DOWN HERE!
RUMBLE
THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM!!
RUMBLE

CRACK
BOOM


TAP
TAP

THAT'S RIGHT! OVER HERE! YOU DAMN BUGS!

SWOOSH

SLASH

C-RANK HUNTERS ARE PRETTY IMPRESSIVE!
THEY CHAIN THEIR ATTACKS SO WELL.

I GET WHY THIS STRIKE SQUAD DIDN'T BRING A HEALER ALONG.
JINSUK, 11 O'CLOCK!
DONGSUK! WATCH YOUR RIGHT!
HWANG DONGSUK, THE SQUAD LEADER, IS DOING A REALLY GOOD JOB AS THE TANK...
...AND THE DEALERS HAVE GOOD TIMING, TOO.

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT USED TO FIGHTING WITH A HEALER, BUT...

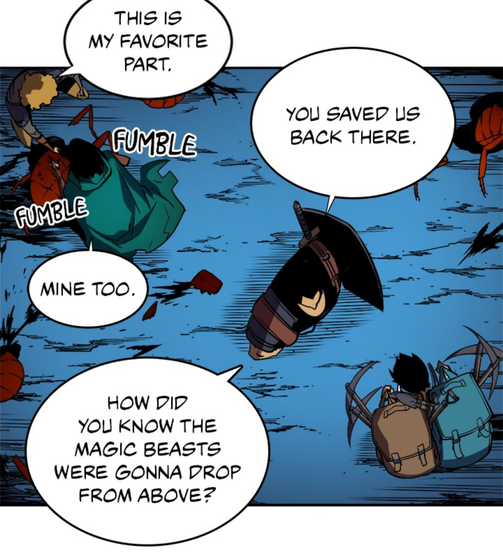
...THEY'RE A BIT ROUGH.

EVERYONE'S DOING A GOOD JOB, BUT...
SCURRY
WHAM

...I'M STARTING TO FEEL A BIT FRUSTRATED.

ARE YOU GUYS PLANNING ON LEAVING AFTER THIS?
THIS DUNGEON MIGHT TAKE US A WHILE, SO PACE YOURSELVES.
YES, SIR!

GATHER UP ALL OF THE ESSENCE STONES! THEY'LL BE SPLIT AMONG THE NINE OF US!


THIS IS MY FAVORITE PART.
FUMBLE
FUMBLE
YOU SAVED US BACK THERE.
MINE TOO.
HOW DID YOU KNOW THE MAGIC BEASTS WERE GONNA DROP FROM ABOVE?

I WAS RIGHT, MY SENSE STATS ARE MORE HELPFUL THAN I THOUGHT.
IT WAS JUST... A FEELING.
YOU HAVE GOOD INSTINCTS.

I'M GLAD THINGS WENT SMOOTHLY. KEEP IT UP.
BUT I HOPE YOUR INSTINCTS WON'T PICK UP ON ANYTHING UNNECESSARY.
WHAT?
DONGSUK! COME TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!

LOOK AT THE WOUNDS ON THESE BEASTS.
THEY'RE NOT SWORD WOUNDS. THESE WEREN'T ATTACKED BY US.
RIGHT? THE BURNS WEREN'T CAUSED BY MAGIC, EITHER.
SEEMS LIKE THEY'VE BEEN RIPPED APART BY SOMETHING. LOOK, THEY'RE ALL OVER THE PLACE.

THEY WERE ALREADY TORN TO PIECES BEFORE WE FOUGHT THEM?
WERE THE MAGIC BEASTS FIGHTING EACH OTHER OVER TERRITORY?

THEN THAT MEANS THERE ARE BEASTS IN HERE THAT ARE STRONGER THAN THESE ONES...
COULD IT BE THE BOSS? OR...

...SMELLS LIKE MONEY.

JINHO.
YOUR SWORD AND SHIELD ARE EXPENSIVE, RIGHT?
WHAT? OH, YES. MY DAD GOT THEM FOR ME SINCE THIS IS MY FIRST RAID.

I'M NOT TOO SURE, BUT...
...I THINK WE SHOULD BE CAREFUL.

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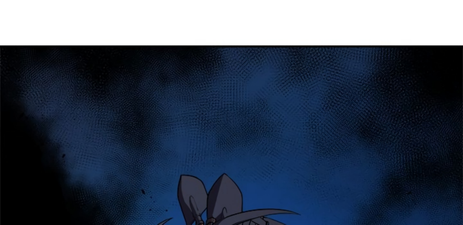

WHAT IS THIS OMINOUS FEELING...?

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